GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2249
ANSWERED ON:09.03.2000
DISCHARGING OF POLLUTION BY DIESEL LOCOMOTIVE WORKSHOPS
BHAWANA GAWALI (PATIL);DILIP KUMAR MANSUKHLAL GANDHI;NARESH KUMAR PUGLIA;SANJAY PASWAN;SHRINIWAS DADASAHEB PATIL

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the newsitem captioned `Government turns blind eye to Railways` misdeeds` appearing in the Statesman dated February 9, 2000;

(b) if so, the facts reported therein;

(c) the corrective measures taken by the Government in this regard;

(d) whether the Railways have taken/propose to take any concrete steps to check pollution discharge by its various diesel locomotive workshops/ sheds in the country; and

(a) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The report says that Railway`s Diesel Locomotive Workshop in Tughlakabad and other Workshops in Nizamuddin, New Delhi and Old Delhi discharge huge quantities of untreated diesel and used oil and other polluting effluents into the river Jamuna. Facts of the case are that limited quantity of lube oil and HSD escape to the maintenancepits of Diesel Shed, Tughlakabad connected to the Municipality drain. Effluent sample tested by Pollution Control Board has been foundwithin the safe limits of pollution. From the coach washing cum maintenance facilities at Nizamuddin, New Delhi and Delhi, waste watergenerated out of washing of coaches is discharged into the Municipal drain. This discharge does not contain any diesel or oil.

(c) to (e) : Periodic testing of drain effluents through Pollution Control Board to assess the degree of pollution has been proposed to be carried out for Tughlakabad diesel shed. Action has also been initiated for the commissioning of Effluent Treatment Plant to remove oil from the drains. Similar action is also proposed to be taken in a phased manner for other diesel sheds in the country.
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